

50. (NEW) The method of claim 42, wherein the operation denoted in the first instruction is a jump operation, wherein a jump adapted to be executed by the jump operation is a jump to a list adapted to be next executed.

51. (NEW) The method of claim 42, wherein the operation denoted in the first instruction is a wait operation.

### REMARKS

Currently pending claims 9-51 are for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are cancelled herein. Claims 9-51 are new.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §102 and §102 rejections with the following arguments:

#### 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by David (WO 98/09290) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as obvious over David (WO 98/09290). Since claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been cancelled, the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-8 is moot. As to new claims 9-51, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 9-51 are not anticipated by David (WO 98/09290) and are not obvious over David (WO 98/09290), based on the following arguments.

Applicant respectfully contends that independent claims 9, 27, and 40 are not anticipated by David and not obvious over David, because David does not teach or suggest each and every

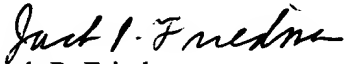
feature of independent claims 9, 27, and 40. For example, David does not teach “wherein the variable control data comprises at least one conditional instruction, wherein each instruction of the at least one the conditional instruction includes an operation code and operands, wherein the operation code includes an operation portion denoting an operation and a condition portion denoting a condition, wherein the operation is to be executed if the condition is TRUE, wherein the operation is not to be executed if the condition is FALSE, and wherein the operation is adapted to be performed in conjunction with at least one of said operands”. Based on the preceding arguments, Applicant respectfully maintains that independent claims 9, 27, and 40 are not anticipated by David and not obvious over David, and that independent claims 9, 27, and 40 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 10-26, 28-39, and 41-51 respectively depend from claims 9, 27, and 40, Applicant respectfully contends that claims 10-26, 28-39, and 41-51 are likewise in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments and amendments, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 9-51 and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. Should the Examiner believe anything further would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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